GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:795
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2002
PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS
NAWAL KISHORE RAI;RAMJI LAL SUMAN

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States play an important role in the procurement of foodgrains;

(b) if so, the percentage share of farmers of each State in the total procurement of wheat and paddy vis-â€¦-vis the total production of these commodities in the country;

(c) whether the existing arrangements of procurement of foodgrains are inadequate to provide financial assistance for agricultural development to the farmers of those States of the country where minimum procurement is made; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a): Yes, Sir. The surplus States have the major share in foodgrains procurement.

(b): Statements showing State-wise production, procurement and percentage thereof of wheat and rice during the last two Marketing Seasons 2000-2001 and 2001-02 are annexed. (Annexure I & II).

(c)&(d): The present policy of MSP and procurement of FAQ standard of foodgrains is beingimplemented with the help of the State Governments uniformly in all States, which have potentialfor procurement. This policy has been successful in meeting the purpose of ensuring MSP to the farmers.

With a view to effect savings in the form of reduction in the outgo of food subsidy, enhancing the efficiency of procurement and PDS and encouraging local procurement to the maximum extent thereby extending the benefits of MSP to local farmers, the scheme of Decentralized Procurement of foodgrains was introduced by the Government in 1997-98. The scheme is now inoperation in the States of West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Naduand Uttaranchal. The Union Government has been encouraging States to adopt the scheme of decentralized procurement of foodgrains.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 795 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 22-11-2001 IN THE LOK SABHA. STATE-WISE PRODUCTION, PROCUREMENT AND PERCENTAGE THEREOF OF WHEAT DURING 2001 AND 2001-2002

(in `000 tonnes)

	2000-2001		2001-2002	
STATES/U.T.	Production	% to Total Procurement	Production @	% to Total Procurement
ANDHRA PRADESH	-	-	-	-
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	-	-	-	-

ASSAM - - - - - - - -
BIHAR 4497 6.54 - - - 43 0.21
CHANDIGARH - - - - - - 12 0.06
DELHI 29 0.04 - - - - 50 0.24
GUJRAT 649 0.94 - - - - - -
HARYANA 9652 14.04 4497 27.50 - - 6407 31.06
HIMACHAL
PRADESH 588 0.86 - - - - 2 0.01
JAMMU &
KASHMIR 145 0.21 - - - - - -
KARNATAKA - - - - - - - -
MADHYA PRADESH 3887 5.65 351 2.15 - - 294 1.43
MAHARASHTRA - - - - - - - -
ORISSA - - - - - - - -
PONDICHERRY - - - - - - - -
PUNJAB 15551 22.62 9423 57.62 - - 10560 51.19
RAJASTHAN 5554 8.08 539 3.30 - - 676 3.28
TAMIL NADU - - - - - - - -
UTTAR PRADESH 24940 36.27 1545 9.45 - - 2446 11.86
UTTRANCHAL - - - - - - 140 0.68
WEST BENGAL - - - - - - - -
OTHERS 3271 4.76 - - - - - -
ALL INDIA

TOTAL : 68763 100 16355 100 71470 - 20630 100

@ - State-wise production figures for 2001-2002 are not available from
Ministry of Agriculture

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 795 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 22-11-2001 IN THE LOK SABHA.

STATE-WISE PRODUCTION, PROCUREMENT AND PERCENTAGE THEREOF OF RICE DURING 2000-2001 AND 2001-2002

(in `000 tonnes)

STATES/U.T.	2000-2001 Production	% to Total	2000-2001 Procurement	% to Total	2001-2002 Production @	% to Total	2001-2002 Procurement	% to Total
ANDHRA PRADESH	11448	13.49	7174	33.71	-	-	6425	29.04
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	126	0.15	-	-	-	-	-	-
ASSAM	3999	4.71	0.00	-	-	-	-	-
BIHAR	5417	6.38	19	0.09	-	-	89	0.40
CHANDIGARH	-	-	16	0.08	-	-	-	-
CHHATISGARH	3238	3.82	857	4.03	-	-	1922	8.69
DELHI	5	0.01	-	-	-	-	-	-
GUJRAT	1014	1.19	-	-	-	-	-	-
HARYANA	2684	3.16	1481	6.96	-	-	1484	6.71
HIMACHAL PRADESH	-	-	1	0.00	-	-	11	0.05
JAMMU & KASHMIR	415	0.49	-	-	-	-	-	-
KARNATAKA	3734	4.40	230	1.08	-	-	137	0.62
MADHYA PRADESH	961	1.13	176	0.83	-	-	273	1.23
MAHARASHTRA	1945	2.29	34	0.16	-	-	129	0.58
ORISSA	4614	5.44	918	4.31	-	-	1253	5.66
PONDICHERRY	61	0.07	40	0.19	-	-	11	0.05
PUNJAB	9154	10.79	6963	32.72	-	-	7282	32.91
RAJASTHAN	158	0.19	26	0.12	-	-	39	0.18
TAMIL NADU	7218	8.50	1695	7.97	-	-	852	3.85
UTTAR PRADESH	11540	13.60	1174	5.52	-	-	1936	8.75
UTTRANCHAL	622	0.73	42	0.20	-	-	235	1.06
WEST BENGAL	12428	14.64	434	2.04	-	-	48	0.22

OTHERS 4090 4.82 - - - - - -
ALL INDIA
TOTAL : 84871 100 21280 100 - - 22126 100

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Ministry of Agriculture